



**EMMA S. BARRIENROS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024**

The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center convened in a Regular meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at City Hall Boards and Commissions Room. (Some members of the ESB-MACC Advisory Board participated via videoconference.)

Chair Navarro called the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Meeting to order at 6:23pm.

Board Members in Attendance:
Angelica Navarro, Chair
Lillian “Lily” Zamarripa-Saenz, Vice Chair
Hilario “Larry” Amaro, Member

Board Members in Attendance Remotely:
Noemi Castro, Member
Gerardo Gandy, Member
Cynthia “Cy” Herrera, Member

Board Members Absent:
John Estrada, Member
Anthony Martinez, Member
Raul “Roy” Reyna, Member

Staff in Attendance:
Marjorie Flanagan, PARD Division Manager of Museums and Cultural Programs
Michelle Rojas, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Manager
Marie Ortiz, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Supervisor
Tina Davila, ESB-MACC Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Ricky Reyes, Citizen spoke on Native American Heritage Month. He explained its purpose was to honor and celebrate the rich history, language, traditions, and contributions of the Native American community to ensure its legacy continues to be recognized and valued by future generations. Both Chair Navarro and Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz asked Mr. Reyes to send an email with events and programs that have been done in San Antonio so the board and the MACC could discuss ways of possibly incorporating programs/events if they were not already holding programs geared to sharing the type of information Reyes was requesting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes from the Regular meeting of November 6, 2024, were approved on Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz’s motion. Member Herrera seconded the motion. Unanimous vote (6.0). Motion passed. Members Estrada, Martinez, and Reyna were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on staffing updates, November and December programs, marketing and outreach efforts, and updates on signature event planning.

Olivia Tamzarian, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Marketing & Outreach Representative reported on the Holistic Wellness programs, Education, Academia Cuauhtli, Caminos Teen Leadership programming, and current and upcoming marketing and outreach events. Tamzarian shared the dates that were set for all 2025 signature events beginning with La Mujer taking place April 25, Awards of Excellence, Saturday June 28th, Viva Mexico, Saturday, September 13, and Dia de Los Muertos, Saturday, November 1, noting the locations were still being determined but confirmed the Awards of Excellence would be held at the Long Center. She also shared with the board that effective January 13, 2025, Jesús Aguirre would be the new Director of the Parks and Recreation Department and shared a summary of his background.

(Please see the Board and Commissions Website for backup material.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Update on Phase 2 Construction Project.

Michelle Rojas, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Manager provided a brief overview of the current project timeline, announcements, scheduled milestones, as well as photos showing the construction progress. She also let the board know that MACC staff would be making an onsite visit December 10th to get an opportunity to see the size of each space and its future amenities. Michelle recommended that if any Council Members were interested in an onsite visit to have their teams reach out to construction to arrange a date and time for a visit.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Creation of FY26 Budget Working Group.

Member Amaro motioned to create the Budget Working Group. Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz seconded. Unanimous vote (6.0.) Motion passed. Members Estrada, Martinez, and Reyna were absent.

Action item void due to lack of audio recording

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update on School of Rock Visit from EQ Austin (Sponsors: Amaro, Herrera)

ADJOURNMENT

Member Amaro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Member Castro seconded. Unanimous vote (6.0). Motion passed. Members Estrada, Martinez, and Reyna were absent.

The minutes were approved at the January 8, 2025, Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center meeting on Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz motion, Member Herrera seconded on a 8-0 vote with two vacancies.